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SACRAMENTO — Thomas Braden, Oceanside newspaper publisher, is scheduled to appear before the Senate Rules Committee tomorrow to testify on behalf of Senate confirmation of his reappointment by Gov. Brown to the state Board of Education.

Braden, invited to testify by Sen. Hugh Burns, D-Fresno, chairman of the committee, has agreed to appear according to a report from the board office here.

William Norris, board member from Pasadena, also will appear when the confirmation comes before the committee. Norris was appointed by Brown.

APPOINTMENT FOUGHT

Braden's reappointment is being fought by Sen. Jack Schrade, R-Del Mar. Schrade said he would base part of his case against Braden on the contention Braden has injected partisan politics into the field of education.

Schrade also will appear before the rules committee. If the committee recommends to the full Senate that Braden's reappointment be confirmed, Schrade plans a floor fight. He repeated that he has the votes necessary to block Braden's confirmation in the full Senate. It will take 27 of the Senate's 40 votes to confirm Braden.

Schrade said that of the hundreds of letters he has received in the case, 20 to 1 urge that Braden be rejected. He said that many of the people who wrote him expressed the wish that Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, be allowed to put into effect the program for which he campaigned, including a return to "basic education."

GETS SUPPORT

Braden, the board president, got support yesterday from Allen W. Dulles and Gov. Brown.

Dulles, former director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, commended Braden's work as an assistant director of the CIA.

Brown told his news conference, "It would be tragic to California if the chairman of the Board of Education who has done so much would not be confirmed by the Senate..."